

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

In re application of: )  
DAVID F. ZHOU, et al. ) Examiner Unknown  
Serial No.: Unknown ) Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: Unknown )  
For: SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND )  
STORAGE AND TRANSPORT )  
DEVICE AND METHOD )  
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions to make the present application special on the basis of its relationship to developing treatments and cures for HIV/AIDS and cancer.

Please find the Statement below and a check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R.

**STATEMENT**

The present invention provides a better mechanism for collecting, preserving, mailing and transporting and testing samples used in fecal occult blood testing which is one of the primary ways a colorectal cancer can be discovered at an early treatable stage.

**REMARKS**

Support for the above-statement can be found in the application as filed on page 3, lines 1-2.

Respectfully submitted,



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